

Draft Conservation Strategy Available for Public Review

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The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has prepared a Draft *Central Valley Flood System Conservation Strategy* (Conservation Strategy) for public review and comment. The Conservation Strategy is an integral component of the 2017 Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP). It outlines a comprehensive, long-term approach to improve riverine and floodplain ecosystems, and provides guidance on how multi-benefit projects can provide ecological benefits while protecting public safety.

The draft document and Appendix L are now available on DWR's website at: http://www.water.ca.gov/conservationstrategy/cs_new.cfm. Additional appendices are undergoing final internal DWR review; they will be posted on the same website as they are available. Upon posting all related appendices, DWR will announce a comment due date to allow a full 60-day review period for the document and appendices. However, you may submit comments on posted documents starting January 26, 2015.

A review guidance document is also available on the website; we strongly recommend that you refer to this document before beginning your review of the Conservation Strategy.

We look forward to receiving your comments on the Draft Conservation Strategy.

Regards,

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